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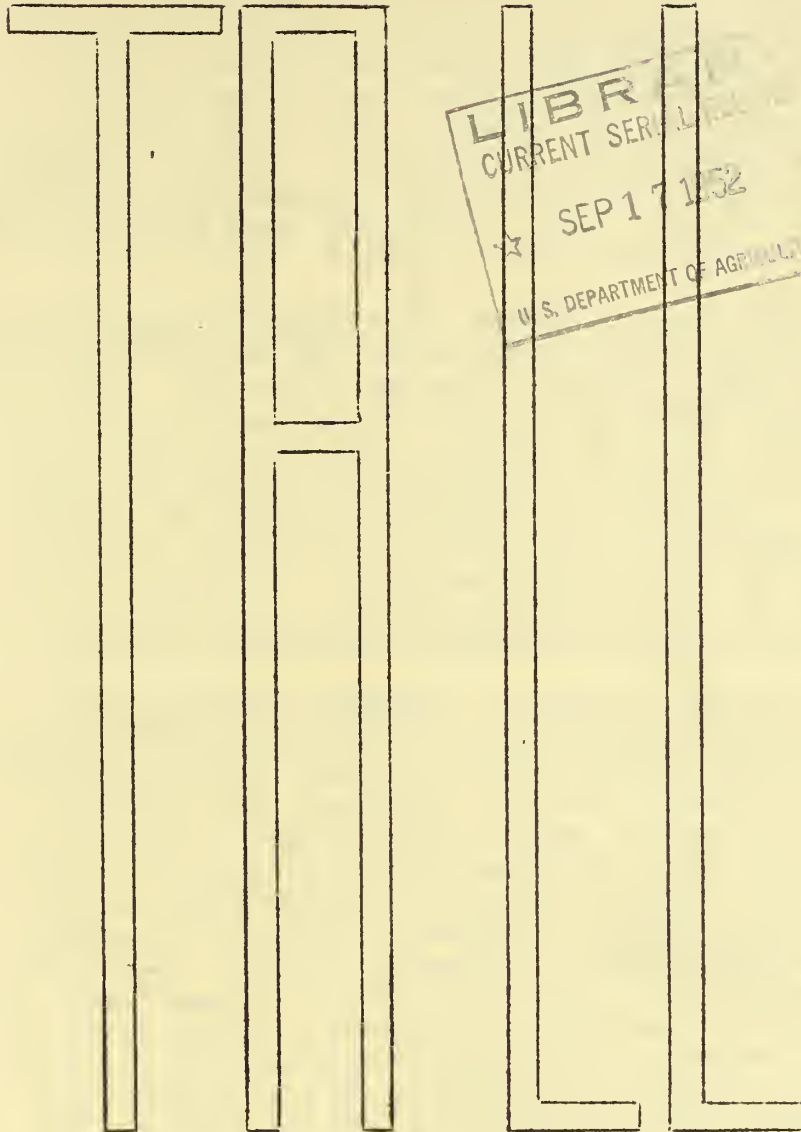
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RECORD STILL GOOD - The June 30 semi-annual report on advances, maturities, repayment and delinquencies shows the Iowa Production Loan Program to be in good shape despite the poor crops of last year. For example the payment on matured principal was 97.2% as compared to 98.1% the year before. This figure must be considered in light of the fact that the loans were set up on a five year repayment basis in most cases and no method of renewal is provided. In dollars this means there was \$49,447 in principal that was not paid when due on loans totaling \$6,871,702. It is also interesting to note that \$72,460 has been prepaid. The 97.2% figure above compares with 85.6% June 30, 1948. Only \$2076 of old FSA funds are unpaid by active borrowers. Corporation Trust funds outstanding as of June 30 amount to \$203,715 which means that there is over a million dollars in cash lying idle in the miscellaneous receipts of the U.S. Treasury.

KEEPING PUBLIC INFORMED - The Fairfield Daily Ledger has run three consecutive stories about the Farmers Home Administration program in their Saturday Farm page. The editor, on being contacted, stated that he would be glad to run a story on each type of loan if the County Supervisor would provide the material and information. The first story was on the Farm Housing Loan Program, the second on Farm Ownership and the third on Operating Loans. On receipt of the information the editor presented it as an interview with the Supervisor. People in different parts of the county following the publishing of the stories, have contacted the office for more information or to make an application. Supervisor McLean feels the editor was very helpful in getting the information about the different FHA Program before the public.

NO LOAN BUT SERVICE RENDERED - On July 24, 1951, Mr. Richard K. Gillow of Vinton, and his wife, filed an application for a loan. On July 29, 1951, the Benton County Committee approved this application, subject to obtaining more adequate land resources. Dick was farming on a 50-50 livestock share in partnership with his father-in-law on a poor sandy 115 acres north of Vinton. Dick had most of his machinery paid for and asked for loan funds to pay off about \$1800 which he owed his father-in-law for his half of the livestock. Following the committee's recommendation no loan was made to Dick because he had not obtained more land resources. On February 29, 1952, Mr. Dewey Ohms, of the Farmers National Farm Management Service, called the FHA Office wanting a family who would like to go into a 50-50 livestock share lease on a 160 acre Grade A dairy unit in Johnson County. There were 75 cows on the farm, and the present tenant was taking his half with him. It is a rough farm under the Soil Conservation Service program. The Supervisor suggested that Mr. Ohms get in contact with the Gillows and see what could be worked out. On July 9, 1952, he reported to the Marengo office that he had accepted the job of operating the dairy farm managed by Dewey Ohms. The landlord was willing to sell him a half interest in the cattle that were left, the hogs, and the feed, which he is paying off at the rate of \$100 a month from his cream checks which are split on a 40-60 basis. Dick has practically all of his bills paid and his share of the cream check from the present 22 cows amounts to approximately \$500 a month. Dick and his wife are very happy in their new home and Mr. Ohms is very happy with the tenants he acquired through FHA.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - Our attention has just been called to the correspondence courses offered by the USDA Graduate School and the courses currently being offered together with the credit hours are listed below. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this work should contact the State Office.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Supplies Fee *</u>	<u>Text &/or Materials</u>	<u>Total</u>
Report Writing	2	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$ 2.85	\$25.85
Farm Forestry	2	18.00	5.00	10.00	33.00
Federal Personnel Procedure	2	18.00	5.00	2.50	25.50
Statistical Methods in Biology and Agriculture	2	20.00	5.00	5.00	30.00
Sampling and Experimental Design	2	20.00	5.00	6.50	31.50
Social & Economic History of American Agriculture	3	30.00	5.00	4.00	39.00
Federal Meat Inspection and Animal Quarantine Laws	2	18.00	5.00	1.00	24.00
Legal Aspects of Investigations --Criminal Evidence and Proc.	2	20.00	5.00	2.00	27.00

* The Supplies Fee covers postage, correspondence and incidental materials.

LANDLORD SEEKS TENANT - "Could you help me find a better farm?" How often the FHA Supervisor has heard that query. But Marian Plum of Poweshiek County has found a better way to secure a more desirable farm. The homestead on his present unit contains only 14 acres and located here are a house, a garage, a poultry house and a cattle shed. Four and one-half miles from there is his farm land consisting of 114 acres of average cropland in two different tracts.

This year he raised 59 excellent pigs from seven sows (out on clean ground) and he did a good job with seven Jersey cows. His cropping program was outstanding and one of his fields of corn won him a 100-bushel-an-acre award at the recent FHA Achievement Day. The weeds around his fields were mowed, the yards were neat and tidy and the odd jobs were done.

The middle of July he was contact BY a farm owner and rented a good 160 acre farm with good improvements located on the paved highway. Lucky, you say! No, just deserving we think. Maybe the Supervisor can help most by stressing the better practices, especially the weed mowing and the clean, neat farmstead.

NEW ROLE FOR OL BORROWER - Lewis F. Randolph, veteran OL Borrower in Scott County, has had many enjoyable experiences since he started farming three years ago, but one of his most enjoyable was posing in his good field of corn before the TV cameras of his local TV station. His field was selected as one of the outstanding fields of corn in Scott County. He had planted his corn on the contour and had used starter fertilizer. Both Lewis and the field of corn looked good on TV, according to Supervisor Burke.

HOPE HE IS RIGHT - An optimistic note appears on the annual Farm and Home Plan for an OL borrower in the Creston area. The plan was late, largely because the borrower expected to inveigle the County Supervisor, Merwyn Allen, into doing the detailed work for him. But after he found it was his job for the most part, he listed his figures in neat typewritten columns and with apparent accuracy. The debt columns looked clear until he found the heading "Other Debts". Here he listed "Nothing Serious".

SHARING WITH OTHERS IN NEED - Donald B. Robison of Brighton, a Washington County FO borrower, has been in the habit of marketing about 140 purebred Hampshire hogs a year, largely as breeding stock for local buyers. But Don has enlarged his territory considerably of late. Under the auspices of the livestock replacement program (officially called Heifer Project) some of his young stock has been flown to Korea to aid in re-establishing herds there.

THIS WE LIKE TO SEE - Phillip Jacobs, son of Mr. & Mrs. Marion Jacobs paid up FO borrowers in Warren County showed the grand champion baby beef at the recent Warren County Fair. The calf, an Angus, was sold for 42 cents per pound to a group of four Indianola business firms, one of which was the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, the president of which is William Buxton III, a member of the FHA State Advisory Committee.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD - During the field day on the J. McVicker farm, FO Cerro Gordo County, three years ago the former operator of the farm was rather indignant over the leaders telling how the soil on the farm had been mistreated for the past 25 years. This past fall this former operator who is now farming a couple of miles away helped McVicker pick corn on a contoured field that was going upwards of a hundred bushels per acre. This year this former operator is contouring his corn and glad that the folks in Cerro Gordo County have showed him not only how to raise corn but also how to conserve his soil.

TENANT AND FHA CONVERT LANDLORD - Clifton Miller, OL borrower in Fayette County, rented a very rough farm four years ago when he got his initial Operating Loan. His goal was to stay on this farm until he paid off his operating debt and in shape to buy a farm. The farm was very rough and eroded, and the need of a good conservation program was necessary if he was to attain his goal. A landlord, borrower, supervisor discussion showed that the landlord was also interested in improving his farm, but did not want anything to do with contour farming because of the quack grass. Clifton went ahead with this phase of the program without permission, and now after four years the landlord is convinced, an SCS plan has been developed and is followed very closely. Thanks to increased yields on this rough farm Clifton is now only about one year away from his goal.

SOGARD VISITS MEXICO - Following are excerpts from a letter recently received from Supervisor Marvin E. Sogard, Charles City:

"My Clerk Typist Carolyn is on vacation. How I miss her! It was my good fortune to be selected by the Charles City Lions Club to represent

them in Mexico City at the International Convention last mid June. Arrangements had been made for an anticipated delegation of 13,000. Imagine if you can, the situation created by an overflow crowd estimated at 20,000. No recognition was given to 3 to 4 months old reservations. First come first served! Fortunately I arrived two days early, among the first, and was placed in charge of Lions at my hotel.

"I drove down from El Paso, thru several hundred miles of desert into the mountains and finally into Mexico City, returning via Brownsville, after having covered 3,000 miles of Mexico. The 300 pictures taken en route tell the story.

"There is no middle class. All of the wealth is segregated in a few-- for the rest they are in barefoot sandals made from discarded auto tire casings.

"Given the chance and opportunity (and some money) the Latins outdo each other in beautiful houses, with colorful yards and plantings. The upper class live and enjoy each other and pay no heed whatsoever to the lower class.

"Rural areas show evidence of having been farmed at some time in the far past. Skeletons of mammoth irrigation projects remain where now only cactus and sage brush grows. A desert tourist camp now occupies what was perhaps the original ever normal granary, built centuries ago to store about one and two-third million bushels of grain.

"Perhaps 100 miles were traveled in an area where there was not seen an agricultural wheel. Grain was cut with hand sickles, bound into bundles and toted on the heads of women (in this case one mile) to the thresher. The threshing machine was a corral with 25-30 horses whipped to run over the bundles to stomp out the grain. No racks, no wagons, no pitchforks! The only mechanizations, a hand sickle operated by men squatting on their knees.

"An Iowa editor asked me to name my number one impression of Mexico. As I view my color slides I am convinced I have caught it in the expression of the futureless peon. He is perhaps loaded down with articles of his own manufacture, toting them to somewhere for a possible sale. When an American car stops on the pavement beside him, he will also stop, say nothing, but look you squarely in the eye, and extend his hand toward you, palm up. Certainly we could spare him a few centavos. But we don't. There are too many. A few centavos or pesos would fail to solve the problem. Here, in Iowa, we have helped thousands. As we drive away from the sandle footed peon we can only say, "God how I wish we could help you".

DAY TO DAY BORROWER COMMENTS, JEFFERSON OFFICE

"I rented my oats ground from two different landlords. One had alfalfa-brome plowed under and 100# of 10-20-0 fertilizer added this spring. The oats averaged better than 60 bushels per acre and weighed 38# per bushel. The other landlord wouldn't go along with fertilizer on hills that had been in corn for two years running. The oats didn't average 20 bushels per acre and weighed 28# per bushel."

"I thought I would try early pigs and clean pasture this year. The hogs should weigh around 165# now (July 15) and go to market by the middle of August. Think I'll come out O.K.?"

"My lease calls for me to furnish all of the oat seed and pay all combining bills. I get one-half of the crop. I didn't know they had any other arrangement for oat sharing."

"My landlord pays one-half of all the oat seed, fertilizer and harvesting. My share of the crop is three-fifths."

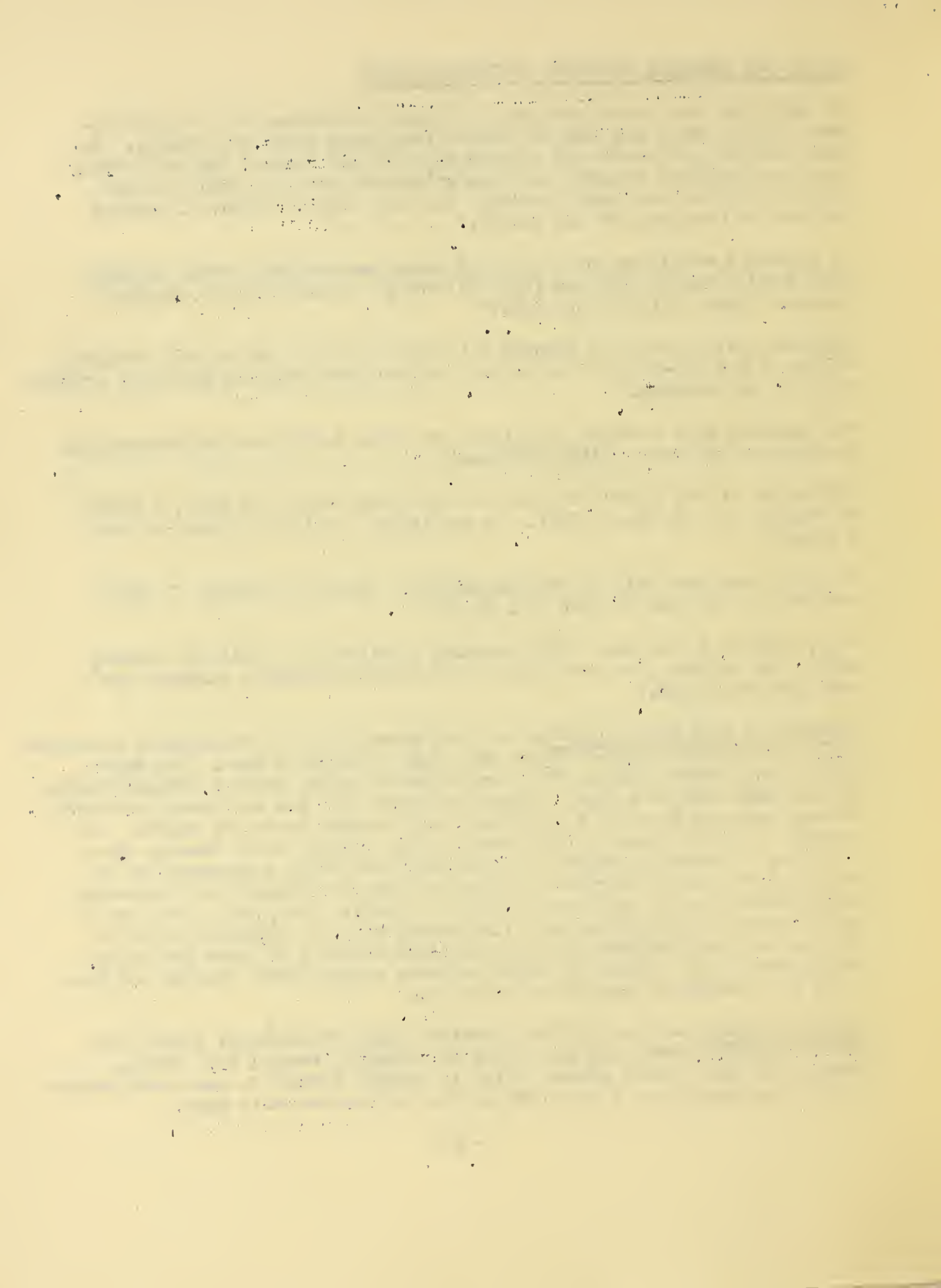
"If an act of God doesn't hit our corn and bean crops this year, I should be able to pay the FHA in full. Do you think I could get a loan to buy a place?"

"I got a loan last fall to buy two heifers. One of them died. I don't have to pay the loan on that calf do I?"

"Boy, there's a real cow. Still getting a gallon and a half per milking after four months. You can't tell me these Hereford-dairy mixtures won't make good milk cows."

INTEREST IN LONG GRASS SILAGE - Two long grass silage demonstrations attracted approximately 400 people in Union and Adams Counties in June. The first, held at the Russell Staggs (FO) farm in Union County, where a Jayhawk stacker was the main equipment used. Added attraction here was an 18-acre renovated pasture carrying 44 head of stock and still showing luxuriant growth. The second, at the Ed Chappell (FO) farm in Adams County, was a two-day demonstration. A Farm-hand stacker and homemade buck rake, constructed by the borrower and County Supervisor S. Merwyn Allen, and mounted on a hydraulic scoop, worked better and faster than the Jayhawk. Here, too, there was an added attraction consisting of a fine 5-acre tract of birdsfoot trefoil. This is on a thin hillside and the excellent stand is no doubt due to the application of 200 pounds of 0-45-0 per acre a year before seeding and then using five pounds of trefoil seed per acre.

GOOD COMBINATION - Allen Elliott, Decatur County FO borrower, seeded five acres of ladino clover and five acres of birdsfoot trefoil this spring. Both fields show a good stand. Allen is looking forward to some good pasture for his purebred herd of Shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs.



ONE WAY TO FIND OUT - Duayne Freeman, a veteran P&S borrower in Jefferson County and his landlord ran a commercial fertilizer experiment on twenty acres of corn. They broadcast complete fertilizer, side dressed some with nitrogen and left eight rows in the center of the field, untreated. Up to the present time, the rows receiving the side dressing of nitrogen are not showing much better than the rows where complete fertilizer was broadcast. A careful yield check will be made at time of harvest.

TWICE THE STATE AVERAGE - 1952 was an unusually poor oats year for Southern Iowa but this was not the case for Farm Ownership borrower Neal V. Clyman, of Davis County. Fourteen acres yielded 1,000 bushels of oats for an average of 71.4 bushels per acre. The oats used were Cherokee. Neighbors are getting in their bids for seed oats for 1953.

WOULDN'T BE STOPPED - Lack of equipment stopped many farmers in the Bloomfield area from trying out long grass silage for the first time, but not Cleo F. Rinkenberger, Farm Ownership borrower. Having had some experience in welding, Mr. Rinkenberger put his wits to work to devise a simple, inexpensive rake to work from the hydraulic system of his Ferguson tractor. Used angle iron and gas pipe from the farm were put together at a cost not exceeding \$10.00. The cultivator lift was used in attaching the rake to the tractor. The equipment worked so well that four neighbors used the rake in harvesting some four hundred tons of long grass silage.

MORE LADINO - Just to show what ladino has done for John H. Kern, FO borrower in Louisa County--here is what he did with eight acres this summer. Fifteen head of older cattle and three calves pastured on it up until the middle of July. Also he has had seven sows, one boar, and 72 pigs on it since early spring. All the other feed the hogs had was a little oats. Ladino has furnished the rest. The hogs are fat and the ladino still looks luscious.

LOOKS PROFITABLE TO US - Virgil Cong, FO borrower in Lee County has just harvested 20 acres of ladino seed. In spite of probably a 50 per cent loss in combining, rethreshing, and cleaning he got 650 pounds of good ladino seed. Not bad from land that was very poor pasture before he started improving it.

PILING UP HAY TO SPOIL - At the annual FO meeting at Mt. Pleasant last year the use of long grass silage was discussed at some length. Supervisor Jim Hazlett and Field Representative Kenneth Bower must have done a good job of it because as a result three borrowers used this method of putting up hay this summer. Many derisive remarks were made by the neighbors of those three men for "piling up good hay to spoil". So far it is too early to see how well it turns out but it is felt sure there will be lots of good feed in it this winter.

SOME KIND OF A RECORD - Dallas County FO borrower, Virgil York, who has for a number of years been raising and developing high grade dairy heifers, recently purchased ten Wisconsin Holstein calves. Since all of them were still in the milk drinking stage he took a heavy producing Holstein cow, let four calves suck for five minutes, then four more for a like period, and then let the last two finish. This was repeated nights and mornings with the calves rotated to assist in uniform milk distribution. They've all done fine, are now weaned and on hay and grain and the foster mother is back on the line, none the worse for wear.

VETERAN FAMILIES DEVELOP HERDS - Four veteran FHA families in the Fairfield unit have recently purchased 28 head of high grade 6-8 weeks old Wisconsin Guernsey heifer calves. As they come into production they will replace the poorer Guernsey cows now in their herds. Supervisor McLean is convinced that these calves, along with the calves raised from foundation cows artificially bred will give these families much higher producing herds.

LET US IN ON THE SECRET - The Veryl Wilkinson dairy herd, of Davis County, is multiplying by "leaps and bounds". Recently three purebred Holstein cows gave birth to five heifer calves. The calves, all artificially sired, are eligible for registration. Wilkinson reports that his Holsteins are holding up production through the hot, dry weather. Credit is given to the use of trefoil and ladino pasture along with an effective fly control program.

GOOD WORD FROM FARM MGR. - Clinton Turner, manager of the farm operated by OL borrower Dale Larabee, Page County, is very pleased with the job that Dale has done on cropland this year and states the FHA did a very fine job in starting up a man who has the ambition and integrity to farm and to give the man the opportunity to purchase the very good dairy cattle that Dale has been able to purchase with the help of FHA.

SKIM MILK MAKE FAST GAINS - Larry Ogden, OL borrower in Dallas County, topped off on July 22nd, some 30 of his 70 spring pigs at \$22 per hundred. These shoats were farrowed between the 10th of February and the 15th of March and when sold averaged 220 pounds.

Of interest to Larry is the fact that except for 100 pounds at weaning time, they received no supplement or commercial feed whatsoever. The bunch did get approximately 40 gallons of skim milk daily, however, and had the run of a clean clover field with free choice of whole corn and oats in self feeders.

CONSISTENTLY GOOD - Dubuque County FO borrower Robert F. Heim had the highest average pigs per litter among FO families for 1951 which was 8.4 and it looks like he is on the way for a better record in 1952. Seven spring sows have raised 68 pigs for an average of 9.5. A balanced ration and plenty of exercise for the sows has been his formula. The sows for fall litters have already been moved to a clean meadow pasture where they will farrow.

NEW GRADE A MILK PRODUCER - A Farm Housing Loan is now being processed for Gideon A. Marken of Franklin County. Mr. Marken plans to build a four stall milking parlor and a milk storage room. A large electric cooler storage tank will store a two day supply of milk from 30 cows. The tank truck will pick up Grade A milk every other day. Marken plans to pay his \$9500 loan by milk assignments at the rate of \$1.00 per hundred pounds of milk. This is the approximate difference in price between the regular and Grade A milk. He expects the loan to be paid in about five years. Approximately \$3000 of the loan will be used to extend the old barn which is being converted to a loafing type barn.

GOOD USE OF \$1840 - Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spillers of Dallas County, faced with the need of more housing room for a growing family, secured a housing loan of \$1800 for the purpose of adding two bedrooms to their house. These funds, through judicious purchases of material and liberal use of own labor, enabled them to completely finish the two bedrooms with connecting bath at a cash cost of but \$40 over the funds set up.

FARM HOUSING BARN - SHOW PLACE - The Richard Moens in Howard County find themselves in the position of exhibitors now that word has spread out over the state regarding their new Grade A milk factory. The unit is Doane designed, L-shaped, 40' x 105' along the west side and 40' x 135' on the north side. A concrete block milking parlor 24' x 32' attaches at the southeast corner of the west section.

After a large number of sight-seers and inspectors had visited the farm, the Moens started a register which now includes the names of visitors from all parts of Iowa and adjoining states.

When plans are completed and facilities available the Cresco Creamery will buy Grade A milk for shipment to Ames. The Moens are all set to provide a portion of this milk.

HOUSING LOAN HELPS PROVIDE BREEDING STOCK - A docket for a Farm Housing Loan has recently been submitted for the construction of a hay and cattle barn and a silo for John H. Wiseley of Decatur County. Mr. Wiseley purchased 256 grade Hereford heifer calves from the ranges in Wyoming and Montana last fall. Registered Hereford bulls were turned with these heifers in July. Mr. Wiseley has set September 23rd as the sale date for the sale of these bred heifers at the Leon Sale Barn. He plans to carry on this procedure each year, and therefore wished to provide housing for hay and silage.

ONE WAY TO GET BARN REMODELED - When Jesse Castings' landlord learned he was getting Wisconsin heifers via the Farmers Home Administration, he immediately authorized the remodeling of the old barn for Grade A production. Jesse is a new Monroe County FHA cooperator.

FULLY EMPLOYED - Stanley Montange of Ida County, a new OL borrower, certainly fulfills the requirement in FHA policy whereby the borrower family should be fully employed on the farm. He moved to his present farm this spring and has already hauled out 1800 loads of manure, cleaned up the grove and farmstead and has some excellent crops. Besides he has 32 head of cattle including seven outstanding first calf heifers, 600 young chickens, 70 spring pigs on clean ground, 100 acres of corn, and harvested 40 acres of oats and 40 acres of hay. There is also a good garden.

ITEMS FROM REPORTS TO COMMITTEEMEN:

Atlantic - As of June 30, 1952, a total of 239 dairy calves were delivered in the three counties since January 1, 1952. Of this total, 212 were delivered to borrowers.

Bloomfield - June 30th represents the end of our fiscal year. During the past year fourteen initial loans were made through this office, representing an advancement of \$40,570. One hundred and sixteen supplemental operating loans were made during the year totaling \$110,265. In the farm ownership section ten loans were completed totaling \$103,700. Of this amount the Davis County Savings Bank advanced \$10,800. In the farm housing section eight loans were made totaling \$33,550. In the collection section \$127,867.46 was paid in on operating loans. Farm ownership payments for the year totaled \$50,439.02 with \$1,131.29 on the new housing loans. Fifty-three disaster loans were made during the year for the purpose of putting in crops mostly for seed, feed and fertilizer. The total amount advanced for this type of loan was \$31,465.

This year every effort was made to assist in seeing that proper seeding was established. An unusually large amount of alfalfa, ladino clover, trefoil and grasses were seeded along with the required fertilizer. This is showing up to a good advantage and with normal summer rains we believe there will be some excellent new seedings show up for additional pasture and hay crops.

Centerville - Many of the loans made during this period (April, May, June) were due to unanticipated expenses resulting from the short crop in 1951. The Ladino plantings are moving ahead with most of the 1952 seeding becoming well established. We were happy to supplement the ladino-hog program for Gaylord McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel had a beautiful stand of ladino but lacked housing facilities for his hogs. Five two-pen hog houses were all that was needed to put the program in gear.

Chariton - A lot of borrowers have been seeding ladino clover for hog pasture, and the seedings have been very good. Several borrowers seeded birdsfoot trefoil and due to the good year, from the moisture standpoint, these seedings are coming through in very good shape.

Corydon - Ladino clover is now growing on the farms of the following borrowers: Dale Alley, Samuel Fulton, Marvin Grimm, Jerry Moore, Burdell Page, Melvin Sears, Hubert Beasley, Allen Elliott, William Hutcherson, Charles Imhoff, Carol Kirk and Walter Roberts. Trefoil has been started on the farms of Burdell Page, Clair Taylor, Richard Troster, Dean Wells, Hubert Beasley, Harold Benson, Allen Elliott, Charles Imhoff, Frank Lewis and John Shook.

Creston - Have just completed checking on most of the dairy calves which were received in the last month and find of the 101 calves that have been delivered only three have been lost. As a whole, most of them are coming along fine. It is hoped later this summer to be able to show the committee as a group some of the calves, which were purchased from Wisconsin.

Decorah - An inventory of all loans, made during the first week of June, revealed that except in one or two instances the loans are in strong condition and the families were making satisfactory progress. As in so many cases of unsatisfactory loan conditions, the selection of families having the proper attitude and abilities is the important factor.

Harlan - On May 1st, we received a load of heifers from Wisconsin, and I know of only one that has died. The calves are coming along fine and we are hoping to get another load before long. You might also be interested in knowing that Ralph Laver, near Harlan, has purchased one of the best Holstein bull calves that any of our borrowers has ever purchased. The calf is from a 600 lb dam and is sired by a Carnation bred bull whose dam produced 1004 lb fat. This calf came from the Manning Creamer Company.

Borrowers Vernon Holdsworth, LaVerne Donnelson, Don Marshall, Floyd Rief, Dean Schutt, and Donald Stevens are on farms where a complete conservation program is now in effect, so of course it was not necessary to build terraces on these farms this spring.

Jefferson - Since the last report, we have brought in over 40 Holstein heifers from Wisconsin. Those that arrived in the last shipment all came down with shipping fever even after the borrowers precautions in giving a booster shot immediately after arrival. No doubt there are risks and headaches in this business of shipping in calves, however, after seeing some of the results after they have matured, I think our efforts are fully justified. Perhaps, in the future, we will be able to obtain some of this good livestock from our own farms.

Mt. Pleasant - John Kern and Delbert Grim in Louisa County have two of the finest pieces of ladino I have seen. They have their sows and spring pigs in it and are really getting a large amount of feed.

Muscatine - Recent visits to all the new borrower families have been made and it is felt that they are making good progress. We have assisted the families in the purchase of their livestock and machinery and we feel that they have purchased high quality stock that will be a great help in the repayment of their loans. We feel that the best purchase of a dairy herd was made by Wayne Hetzler of Muscatine County who purchased a herd of 12 purebred Guernsey cows for less than \$300 per cow. Mr. Hetzler is on Grade A, and is doing a marvelous job of caring for this livestock.

One Farm Housing loan was made, to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harrah, RFD # 2, Davenport, for \$3,830. Mr. Harrah constructed a new 52 x 52 pole type barn for \$2,600 and used approximately \$700 for the tiling of 20 acres, \$150 for fertilizer, and \$350 for the construction of a pond. All the work on soil conservation was done under the supervision of the Soil Conservation Farm Planner in Scott County. We feel that Mr. Harrah has done a very good job on his project, and the Scott County Committee should be very proud of this family.

Newton - The Ray Willemsens' and Wayne Icenbices' received Achievement Awards for outstanding food production and preservation at the Annual FHA Achievement Day in Ames, June 27. The R. J. Bowmans' were also cited for their 100 bushel an acre corn yield. All three of these families (who received their loans a year ago) are doing outstanding jobs---of farming, of homemaking, of community living.

The way the new borrowers are starting out it looks like a good share of them should qualify for swine production awards next year. Marion Plum has 59 nice pigs from seven sows out on clean ground alfalfa. Lawrence Lang has 56 from seven sows--all on clean ground. Lester Heishman has 60 pigs from six litters out on clover. Lester Baird has 30 pigs from four sows out on ladino clover. They look like a real bunch of hog men!

Osceola - Clair Cook of Clarke County has sowed another 5 or 6 acres to birdsfoot trefoil in addition to the 18 acres of old trefoil pasture which he put out two years ago. The new seeding is very thick on the ground and making a good growth. He is pasturing his old seeding very little, as he hopes to take another seed crop off this year. The day I was there he had had 37 head of cows on the 18 acres for four days and it was hard to tell where they had eaten any. He planned to take the cows off in another day or so and probably not let them back on it until after the seed crop was harvested.

Bob Gaumer also of Clarke County has a good stand of trefoil and is putting out four small patches of ladino clover to use for rotation hog pasture. Bob is doing an excellent job of strip cropping.

Spencer - Most of the borrowers are progressing satisfactorily. Willis Kaltved of Emmet County was in yesterday (July 23) reporting the sale of part of his spring pigs which averaged 208# at five months and 15 days. It seems that the advantages of raising pigs on a good clean legume pasture are more apparent this year than ever, and we are convinced that unless portable equipment is already available, money should be included in all our new loans for its purchase.

West Union - Clayton county committeemen will remember the rough farm Henry Reimer bought between Littleport and Garber, and that he contoured the whole farm last year without any previous experience. Actually it was his 17 year old son who did this work. This spring he built three miles of terraces and put on a terracing demonstration for that township.

Additional borrowers who have changed to clean ground system of raising hogs and doing a good job of it are, Clifton Miller, near Elgin; Eugene Rose, north of West Union; Francis West, east of Elgin and Louis Bigler, south of Postville.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS - Mrs. Bernice Vander Ploeg was appointed Clerk Stenographer in the State Office effective July 14. Mrs. Vander Ploeg formerly was employed in the State PMA Office in Des Moines, and, just previous to returning to Iowa, with the Department of the Air Force at Bangor, Maine, where her husband was stationed with the Iowa Air National Guard.

On July 14 Harold L. DuVal was reassigned from the position of Chief, Production Loan Operations in the State Office to County Supervisor, Centerville, filling the position that was vacated by Gene L. Hoffman on March 1. During the interim Jerald L. Beery was Acting County Supervisor.

The resignation of Jerald L. Beery from the position of Assistant County Supervisor at Centerville will be effective August 29. Mr. Beery is entering private business.

J. Hugh Braby, County Supervisor at Mason City since February, 1943, was promoted to the position of FO Appraiser on the State Office staff effective July 21. Mr. Braby expects to move his family to Des Moines early in September.

Following about a 20 months' tour of active duty in the Navy as a reserve officer, Jack H. Cowen returned to the position of County Supervisor at Mt. Pleasant on June 23, the position he left in October, 1950.

On June 1 Supervisor James R. Hazlitt was transferred from Mt. Pleasant to Jefferson, filling the position vacated through the resignation earlier of Lyle D. Crisman.

Donna M. Middleton was appointed County Office Clerk at Bedford effective June 9.

On July 14 Catherine I. Heng was appointed to the position of County Office Clerk in the Harlan office.

